

AUS920010751US1

13

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing information to a participant in a conference call in which a plurality of participants are connected by a plurality of lines and a switch, comprising:

using an amplitude acquisition program in the memory of a server computer,
determining whether there is an incoming line with an amplitude greater than a threshold
amplitude;

responsive to a determination that there is an incoming line with an amplitude
greater than a threshold amplitude, storing the amplitude data for the incoming line; and
using the server computer connected to the switch, transmitting the identity of a
participant, who is currently speaking, to a participant computer connected to the server
computer by a network.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the server computer, accessing an incoming line file corresponding to a line
having the greatest amplitude.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the server computer, determining a speaker's identity by accessing a
participant file linked to a line information file for the line having a greatest amplitude.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using a participant computer connected to the server computer, displaying a

AUS920010751US1

14

speaker's identity on a participant computer screen

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

obtaining information by operator input.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

assigning conference call identification numbers.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

transmitting a roster information from the server computer to the participant computer over the network.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

transmitting a speaker change from the server computer to the participant computer.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the server computer, averaging a plurality of amplitude samples for each incoming line with an amplitude data; and

storing an average amplitude for each line with an amplitude data in a field of an incoming line file.

AUS920010751US1

15

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~using the participant computer, displaying a roster information on the a participant computer screen.~~

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~Scrolling scrolling~~ information on a participant computer screen.

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing information to a participant in a conference call in which a plurality of participants are connected by a plurality of lines, and a switch, and the Internet comprising:

a server computer;

an amplitude discriminator connected to the switch;

a first storage medium in the server computer;

a display program residing in the first-storage medium;

an amplitude acquisition program residing in the first storage medium;

a plurality of participant computers connected to the server computer by a ~~a the~~ plurality of lines and by ~~networking~~ the Internet, lines and to the server computer,

wherein the program causes the server computer to:

display a roster information on the plurality of participant computers;

wherein the roster information includes a list of speaker identifications that can be accessed during the conference call by the participant computer;

AUS920010751US1

16

wherein the amplitude acquisition program determines whether there is an incoming line with an amplitude greater than a threshold amplitude, and responsive to a

determination that there is an incoming line with an amplitude greater than a threshold amplitude, stores the amplitude data for the incoming line;

wherein the amplitude discriminator transmits the amplitude of each line connected by the switch to the server computer; and

wherein the server computer determines which line has the greatest amplitude and transmits this information to the plurality of participant computers so that the program causes each of the plurality of participant computers to display the identification of a participant who is currently speaking.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises a conference call list file linked by pointers to a conference call information file that contains a designation of a current speaker.

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises a participant list file wherein each field containing a participant identification in the participant list file is linked by a pointer to a corresponding participant information file.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises a conference call list file.

AUS920010751US1

17

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises a conference call information file.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises an incoming line list file.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the storage medium further comprises an incoming line information file.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the program identifies the conference call participant who is speaking by determining a conference call line with the greatest amplitude.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the network is the Internet.

22. (Currently amended) A computer readable memory for causing a server computer to transmit information over a network to a participant computer comprising:

a roster information program;

an amplitude acquisition program;

wherein the amplitude acquisition program determines whether there is an incoming line with an amplitude greater than a threshold amplitude; and

AUS920010751US1

18

responsive to a determination that there is an incoming line with an amplitude greater than a threshold amplitude, stores the amplitude for the incoming line.

23. (Cancelled)

24. The computer readable memory of claim 22 further comprising a voice amplitude display program.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The computer readable memory of claim 22 wherein the amplitude acquisition program:

averages a plurality of amplitude samples for each incoming line with an amplitude data; and

stores an average amplitude for each line with an amplitude data in a field of an incoming line file.